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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : LINCOLN

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TO: DIR

CITE: SLINC

RE: DIR 06735 (OUT 57702)

RYBAT PBSUCCESS

1. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONV 27 JUNE LINC WOULD APPRECIATE HQS PREPARING A VESSEL AS INDICATED BELOW AND HAVING IT OPERATIONALLY READY WITHIN 24 HOURS SAILING TIME TO TARGET BY 02 2400 JULY.

2. DESPITE CURRENT POLITICAL CHANGES AND EVIDENCE OF GOVT CONFUSION AND POSSIBLY SURRENDERING WITHIN SHORT TIME THE ENEMY STILL POSSESSES GREATLY SUPERIOR MILITARY FORCES. FRIENDLY FORCES ARE PRESENTLY IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION WHICH MAY MOMENTARILY BECOME SERIOUS REQUIRING EARLIEST POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF PLAN BETA. WHETHER THIS OCCURS OR NOT, INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE MAY FORCE TERMINATION OF EXTERNAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS IN KMFLUSH WITHIN A PERIOD OF SIX OR SEVEN DAYS. FOR THESE REASONS IT IS CONSIDERED IMPORTANT TO PREPARE SOONEST FOR MAXIMUM SUPPORT OF BETA.

3. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION:

A. CHARTER OF VESSEL UNDER CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY HQS FOR MINIMUM 15 DAYS WITH OPTION FOR THIRTY DAYS.

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B. MAXIMUM VALUE OF VESSEL WOULD BE ATTAINED IF ON TARGET 02 2400 JULY, MANNED AND LOADED FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMBAT.

C. MINIMUM VALUE WOULD BE AFTER ACTION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

D. PREPARATION, MANNING AND PLACEMENT IN OPERATIONAL READINESS, IF ASSUMED ENTIRELY BY HQS WOULD BE MOST PRACTICAL AND APPRECIATED BY LINC DUE TIME AND PERSONNEL FACTORS PRESENT.

E. LINC WOULD PROVIDE OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE DURING PREPARATORY STAGE AND ASSUME OPERATIONAL DIRECTION ONCE VESSEL ON TARGET.

3. PLAN BETA ENVISIONS:

A. SOFTENING OF TARGET BY AIR STRIKES.

B. GROUND TEAM INITIATE ATTACK FOR DIVERSION.

C. AIRLIFT OF COMBAT TEAMS PRECEDED BY AND COVERED BY FIGHTER A/C; (3 TRANSPORT A/C, 30 MEN EACH, SHUTTLE INTERVAL DETERMINED BY PICK UP POINT EST FIVE HOURS)

D. ABOVE FOLLOWED BY GROUND ACTION TO SEIZE CONTROL OF AREA.

4. ANALYSIS OF AIR/GROUND ATTACK REVEALS GREATEST WEAKNESS LIES IN VULNERABILITY OF A/C WHILE ON GROUND. ALTHOUGH RELIABLE INTEL IS NOT AVAILABLE THE FAILURE OF BOND TEAM TO PENETRATE PORT AREA BEFORE BEING ROUTED INDICATES STRONG POSSIBILITY ENEMY HAS PROVIDED EXCELLENT DEFENSE OF THIS VITAL TARGET HAVING KNOWN FOR

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LONG TIME IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ATTACK. PRESENT ARMED STRENGTH ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 500 MEN INCLUDING ARTY AND AA UNITS.

5. SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION ABOVE OPERATION ONCE UNDERTAKEN COULD BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO ODYOKE'S INTEREST AS IT WOULD PRESERVE THE PROJECT AND PROVIDE SOLID BASE FOR ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS. FURTHER, THIS PLAN WOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL EVERY OPPORTUNITY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AGAINST ARMY AT HANK BY 30 2400 JUNE. LACK OF SUCCESS AT HANK WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO FAILURE AS NATURE OF FORCES ENGAGED PREVENTS A DRAW OR STALEMATE.

6. THEREFORE OWING TO ABOVE ESTIMATED IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESS ONCE UNDERTAKEN AND THE POSSIBLY LOW MORALE OF FRIENDLY TROOPS UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES LINC URGES THAT EVERY PRACTICAL MEASURE BE TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN THE ATTACK AS INDICATED BELOW.

7. OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR VESSEL:

A. ARMAMENT FOR ASSAULT TEAMS (ALTHOUGH UNSTERILE MUST TAKE RISK ARMS WILL NOT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS):

1. FOUR BATTERY'S QUAD 50'S. ONE FORWARD, ONE AFT, ONE POST AMIDSHIPS, ONE STARBOARD AMIDSHIPS. VERTICAL TRAVERSE 200 DEGREES. HORIZONTAL TRAVERSE CONSISTENT WITH SHIP STRUCTURE.

2. FOUR 75 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. ONE MOUNTED ROOF

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CABIN THREE PORTABLE.

3. FOUR 2.36 INCH ROCKET LAUNCHERS. ALL PORTABLE.

4. 80,000 RDS CAL 50 AMMO BELTED. 4 BALL TO ONE

TRACER.

5. 400 RD 2.36 IN. AMMO. 300 HEAT, 100 WP.

6. 400 RDS 75 MM RIFLE AMMO. 300 HEAT, 100 WP.

B. PBPRIME KUHOOK PERSONNEL AS PER LINC 4398 (IN 22614):

1. FOUR QUAD .50 GUNNERS AND NECESSARY CREW.

2. TWO ROCKET LAUNCHER TEAMS.

3. TWO RECOILLESS RIFLE TEAMS.

C. ARMS RESERVE:

1. 500 7.92 RIFLES

2. 50 MADSEN 7.92 LMG W/SPARE PARTS AND BARREL

3. 20 2.36" ROCKET LAUNCHERS

4. 1500 RD 2.36" HEAT

5. 500 RDS 2.36" WP

6. 500 LBS TNT

7. 10 BLASTING MACHINES 10 CAP CAPACITY

8. 2,000 FT FIRING WIRE

9. 150,000 RD 7.92 BALL

10. 10,000 RD 7.92 API

11. 150,000 RDS 7.92 BELTED 3 BALL, 1 API, 1 TRACER.

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D. NECESSARY EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE VESSEL TO SET UP FIELD BASE RADIO STATION OF THREE OPERATING POSITIONS. COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE WITH SHIP USING AGENT RADIO EQUIPMENT. ON ARRIVAL SHIP EQUIPMENT WOULD BE MOVED ASHORE TO ESTABLISH STATION IN ADDITIONAL TACTICAL COMMO EQUIPMENT, HQS PREPARE AND SHIP SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT SET UP FIELD PROPAGANDA BROADCAST STATION. REQUIRED PERSONNEL TO OPERATE ABOVE, 10. IF APPROVED, PRESENT SHERWOOD PERSONNEL COULD BE MOVE IN MASS.

8. TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF ABOVE:

A. MOVEMENT OF VESSEL: FINAL DATE/TIME TO BE PROVIDED HOWEVER VESSEL SHOULD BE WITHIN 24 HOURS SAILING TIME OF 02 2400 IF POSSIBLE. LINC WOULD PROVIDE AN OPERATIONS OFFICER TO DIRECT VESSELS MOVEMENTS ONCE IN HOSTILE WATERS.

B. TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF COMBAT TEAMS: AFTER COORDINATION PLANS ARE COMPLETED WITH RELATED ELEMENTS THE LINC OPS OFFICER WOULD BE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF COMBAT TEAMS.

9. REQUEST LINC BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED RE PROGRESS ABOVE PROCEDURES.

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